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TAGS: CDES CO (DAWSON, MICHELLE MARITA)

SUBJECT:DEATH OF MICHELLE MARITA DAWSON

REF: BOGOTA 3910; STATE 106486

1. MR. DAWSON CONTACTED DEPT CONCERNING LENGTHY DELAY BEFORE SHIPMENT OF REMAINS COULD BE EFFECTED AND HIGH COST OF PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT. HE WOULD LIKE MORE PRECISE COSTS FOR PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT BEFORE FINAL BILLS ARE PREPARED. FOLLOWING ARE HIS COMMENTS: A) HE WAS INFORMED BY AVIANCA AND SAM AIRLINES THAT DAUGHTER'S REMAINS COULD BE SHIPPED IN TWO OR THREE DAYS. HE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO KNOW WHY IT IS TAKING TEN DAYS AS STATED IN BOGOTA 3910. B) BECAUSE HE IS IN THE EXPORT SHIPPING BUSINESS, HE KNOWS THAT THE COST OF AIR SHIPMENT FOR REMAINS IS ONLY DOLS 1 PER KILO, NOT DOLS 1 AND 60 CENTS AS STATED IN POST'S DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT. C) SINCE THERE IS VERY LITTLE LEFT OF DAUGHTER'S REMAINS, HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THERE COULD BE AN EMBALMING CHARGE OF DOLS 80 (EIGHTY) - DOLS 300 (THREE HUNDRED), AS DEPT QUOTED HIM FROM POST'S DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT;
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ESPECIALLY SINCE HE WAS TOLD BY COLOMBIAN CONSUL IN FLORIDA THAT THERE IS NO EMBALMING IN COLOMBIA. D) HE REQUESTS REMAINS BE SHIPPED IN LEAST EXPENSIVE CASKET SINCE REMAINS

WILL BE CREMATED UPON ARRIVAL IN U.S.

2. POST REQUESTED TO REPLY TO DEPARTMENT CONCERNING

ABOVE COMMENTS. VANCE

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